

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2008-151-T - ORDER NO. 2008-620

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

IN RE: Application of Dowdy Five Star Moving and Storage, Incorporated to Amend Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 9714-A Along with Tariff Revisions)	ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Dowdy Five Star Moving and Storage, Incorporated (“Dowdy”) to amend its Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 9714-A to increase its scope of authority.

Currently, Dowdy’s scope of authority permits it to move household goods between points and places in Aiken, McCormick, and Edgefield Counties. Dowdy seeks authority to move household goods between points and places in Aiken, McCormick, and Edgefield Counties to points and places in South Carolina, and from points and places in South Carolina to points and places in Aiken, McCormick, and Edgefield Counties. By Order No. 2008-527, dated July 24, 2008, this Commission granted Dowdy’s Application for a rate increase.

Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817(C)(3)(a) (Supp. 2007), the Applicant published a Notice of Filing in “The State” on May 10, 2008. No parties

intervened, no protests were received, and a hearing on the Application was held on August 14, 2008, in the offices of the Commission.

Present representing the Applicant was Scott Elliott, Esquire. Present on behalf of the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) was Shealy Boland Reibold, Esquire. Testifying for the Applicant were Bonnie B. Dowdy, Vice President of the corporation, and Beverly Hixon, the Vice President of Meybohm Realtors located in Augusta, Georgia and Aiken, South Carolina. Both witnesses testified as to the fitness and ability of the Applicant to provide the services requested. In addition, both witnesses testified as to the need for services of a household goods mover in the service territory requested. Ms. Dowdy testified to her firm’s prior experience in moving household goods and to the Applicant’s intention to continue to comply with the Commission’s regulations concerning household goods movers.

At the hearing, a question arose as to Dowdy’s policy limits. While testimony established that Dowdy’s insurance limits exceeded the minimum required by the Commission’s regulations, the parties agreed that a Certificate of Insurance would be filed subsequent to the hearing as hearing Exhibit No. 2. The Commission has received late-filed hearing Exhibit No. 2, which supports the testimony that Dowdy’s insurance limits exceeded the minimum required by the Commission’s regulations.

George Parker, Manager of the ORS Transportation Department, testified that he considered Dowdy’s Application to be in order. Mr. Parker also testified that he performed an inspection and found the Applicant’s equipment to be acceptable.

The Commission finds the Application in order. Additionally, we conclude that the Applicant has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate as a household goods mover between points and places in Aiken, McCormick, and Edgefield Counties to points and places in South Carolina, and from points and places in South Carolina to points and places in Aiken, McCormick, and Edgefield Counties pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-23-330 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-133. Furthermore, we find that the public convenience and necessity is already being served by Dowdy's existing authorized service and will further be enhanced by expansion of its service territory. Therefore, the Application of Dowdy Five Star Moving and Storage, Incorporated should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Application of Dowdy Five Star Moving and Storage, Incorporated to amend its Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 9714-A to read "between points and places in Aiken, McCormick, and Edgefield Counties to points and places in South Carolina, and from points and places in South Carolina to points and places in Aiken, McCormick, and Edgefield Counties" is hereby approved.

2. The Applicant shall file with the Office of Regulatory Staff the proper insurance, safety rating, and other information required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10 et. seq. (1976), as amended, and by 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-100 through 103-241 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, and 23A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 38-400 through 38-503 of the Department of Public Safety's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, within sixty (60) days of the date

of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission.

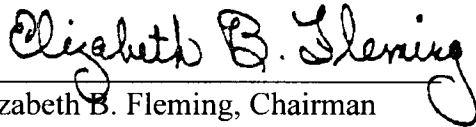
3. Upon compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10 et. seq. (1976), as amended, and the applicable Regulations for Motor Carriers, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. Vol. 26 (1976), as amended, a Certificate shall be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.

4 Prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate, the motor carrier services authorized herein shall not be provided.

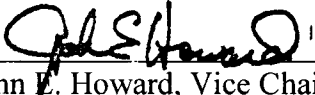
5. Failure of the Applicant either (1) to complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements of causing to be filed with the Commission proof of appropriate insurance and an acceptable safety rating within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order or (2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements of the Commission as stated above, may result in the authorization approved in the Order being revoked.

6. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:


John F. Howard, Vice Chairman

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